

Chick Counting Game

Encourage the children to recycle some round yoghurt pots and then turn them into this fun counting game. Great for hand-to-eye co-ordination and basic numeracy skills.

STORE CUPBOARD

- Round yoghurt pots
- Yellow acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Orange paper or card
- Googly eyes – 1cm diameter
- Yellow feathers
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Newspaper
- Thick black marker pen
- Ping-pong balls

1 Cover your work surface with newspaper and make sure the children are wearing aprons as acrylic paint can stain some clothes. Paint the outside and bottom of the yoghurt pots with yellow acrylic paint and leave to dry.

2 Stick two googly eyes onto each pot using a glue stick and then cut out small diamond shapes from orange paper or card and fold in half. Stick one half of the diamond onto the pot to make a beak.

3 Take a yellow feather and cut it in half. Stick one half on each side of the pot to make some wings.

4 With a thick, black permanent marker pen, write numbers 1 to 10 inside the pots. The younger the children, the lower the numbers need to be.

HOW TO PLAY

Get the children to place the chicks in any order or pattern on the floor and then give them some ping-pong balls. The aim is to throw the balls into the chicks and at the end of each turn the children have to add up the amount of points they have won by looking in the bottom of the pots.

HINTS & TIPS

- To make painting the pots easier, pop your fingers into a pot, spread them out and you'll find you can pick the pot up without touching the edges.
- You'll need to turn the pots upside down to let the bottoms dry otherwise they will stick to the work surface. Just touch up any edges where paint gets rubbed off.
- You can make as many chicks as you want and lay them in any pattern – whichever is easier for the children. The closer the pots are, the more chance there is of the ping-pong balls bouncing off the edges and into a pot!

